

After watching the first open meeting I was dismayed at the lack of information feedback by the applicants representatives. Just because the applicant is not required to provide either a decommissioning bond or a community fund contribution annually under the terms of the application does not mean that they could be set up. I'm aware of wind turbine projects (goole fields 1&2) where a decommissioning bond was set up and annual community fund contributions are made to compensate the local communities that are affected by a project of this size. This should be written into the terms and conditions of an approval should it be given.

I am very concerned about the size of this project which will turn a huge area of farmland and villages into an industrial area which would have to be served by roads which are not upto taking all the additional traffic both during construction and life of the project. A good example of this is the proposed maintenance depot (Johnson's farm) is at the end of Ings Lane which is the Main Street through the village of Spaldington which is effectively a single track for 2km and basically collapsing.

The applicants representatives carried out consultations which was basically a box ticking exercise and despite lots of questions being raised by affected concerned residents no answers have been forthcoming.

I am not against solar panels I have actually got them on my house which is where I believe everyone should have them. However they do not provide energy 24/7 and I believe there are other better options to tackle net zero targets.

If this project is passed it must have minimum distances stipulated from the panels to peoples homes as there are a significant number of people affected who will be less than 10 metres and in some cases they are surrounded. Just to put up a fence/hedge is not sufficient.

The land is good food producing land and as such should be protected. You cannot feed an ever increasing population if you convert it to an industrial size solar farm